

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of

HATZFELD et al.

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Group: 1638

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For: PLANTS HAVING MODIFIED GROWTH CHARACTERISTICS AND METHOD FOR  
MAKING THE SAME

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**May 28, 2008**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**REQUEST**

The Examiner is requested to return a completely-initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form bearing the OIPE date-stamped of September 28, 2005. Specifically, the PTO-1449 Form returned with the Office Action of September 21, 2007, does not include the Examiner's initials next to the International Search Report. The entirety of the PTO-1449 Form has been initialed by the Examiner on August 30, 2007, and the other references indicated as having been specifically considered by initialing next to each of the references. The International Search Report however does not include in the left-hand column the Examiner's initials. A completely-initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form, pursuant to MPEP § 609, is again requested. A similar request was filed on December 6, 2007.

The present Request is not being filed in response to the Office Action of April 4, 2008.

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